

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT - WATERWORKS DIVISION
Proposed Revision to Terms & Conditions
and Request for Exemption from Chapter 86, § 7.B

ORDER APPROVING
TERMS & CONDITIONS
AND EXEMPTION
FROM CH.86 §7.B

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF ORDER

The Commission approves the Caribou Utilities District - Waterworks Division (District) Terms and Conditions and grants the requested exemption (from Chapter 86, § 7.B) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

BACKGROUND

The Caribou Utilities District - Waterworks Division filed on March 4, 1999, proposed changes to its Schedule of Terms and Conditions. The Schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Sheet 6, Second Revision was proposed to become effective on April 3, 1999.

Commission Staff reviewed the proposed changes along with the existing terms and conditions and suggested that the District update all of its Terms and Conditions. On March 29, 1999, the District filed a new schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Original Sheets 1 through 6, proposed to become effective May 1, 1999.

Because the Commission did not have sufficient time to investigate this matter before the April 3, 1999 effective date proposed in the first filing, the operation of the proposed rate schedules was suspended, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 310, for a period of three months from and including April 3, 1999.

The District requested the exemption from Section 7.B of Chapter 86 to permit the District to collect a \$10 collection trip fee from non-residential customers as well as residential customers. We agree that the collection fees for residential and non-residential customers should be equal and will grant the requested exemption.

Accordingly, we

1. That the Caribou Utilities District - Waterworks Division Schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Original Sheets 1 through 6, filed on March 29, 1999, will become effective on May 1, 1999;
2. That the Caribou Utilities District - Waterworks Division is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86, § 7.B so that it may charge non-residential customers a \$10 collection trip fee; and
3. That the Caribou Utilities District - Waterworks Division Schedule of Terms and Conditions consisting of Sheet 6, Second Revision, filed on March 4, 1999, was withdrawn by the District's March 29, 1999 filing and shall not become effective.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Welch